

**Claims**

What is claimed is:

1        1.        A system for providing information regarding publicly traded companies  
2        that operate in the offshore drilling industry, comprising:  
3                one or more users;  
4                a third party web host operably coupled to the users;  
5                wherein the third party web host provides one or more web pages that  
6                        provide information regarding the publicly traded companies that  
7                        operate in the offshore drilling industry; and  
8                wherein the third party host provides the information regarding the  
9                        publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling  
10                industry in compliance with the Securities and Exchange  
11                Commission Regulation Fair Disclosure.

1        2.        The system of claim 1, wherein the third party web host provides one or  
2        more web pages that are devoted to the offshore drilling industry.

1        3.        The system of claim 1, wherein the third party web host provides one or  
2        more web pages that are devoted to corresponding publicly traded companies  
3        that operate in the offshore drilling industry.

1        4.        The system of claim 1, wherein the third party web host provides one or  
2        more web pages that are devoted to the offshore drilling industry; and wherein  
3        the third party web host provides one or more web pages that are devoted to  
4        corresponding publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling  
5        industry.

1        5.        The system of claim 1, further comprising:

2 one or more publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling  
3 industry;  
4 wherein the publicly traded companies periodically provide updated  
5 information to the third-party web host.

1 6. The system of claim 1, wherein the information is selected from the group  
2 consisting of:

3 Securities and Exchange Commission rulings related to the publicly  
4 traded companies;  
5 a calendar of upcoming fair disclosure information releases for the  
6 publicly traded companies;  
7 recent earnings releases for the publicly traded companies;  
8 transcripts of conference calls with the publicly traded companies;  
9 transcripts of shareholder meetings for the publicly traded companies;  
10 transcripts of press conferences for the publicly traded companies;  
11 historical graphs of the price of oil;  
12 historical graphs of the price of gas;  
13 historical graphs of the OSX;  
14 company news for the publicly traded companies;  
15 the results of a user defined search of all company news contained within  
16 the company news archives of the web host;  
17 industry news for the offshore drilling industry;  
18 the results of a user defined search of all industry news contained within  
19 the industry news archives of the web host;  
20 drilling fleet projections for the publicly traded companies;  
21 commentary on the offshore drilling industry; and  
22 comparative graphical information regarding the publicly traded  
23 companies.

1        7.        The system of claim 1, wherein the web host permits a user to request  
2        information for a selected one of the publicly traded companies.

1        8.        The system of claim 7, wherein the information is selected from the group  
2        consisting of:

3                Securities and Exchange Commission rulings related to the selected  
4                publicly traded company;

5                a calendar of upcoming fair disclosure information releases for the  
6                selected publicly traded company;

7                recent earnings releases for the selected publicly traded company;

8                transcripts of conference calls with the selected publicly traded company;

9                transcripts of shareholder meetings for the selected publicly traded  
10                company;

11                transcripts of press conferences for the selected publicly traded company;

12                a historical graph of the stock price of the selected publicly traded  
13                company;

14                a display of the selected publicly trade company's stock price;

15                company news for the selected publicly traded company;

16                a user defined search of all company news for the selected publicly  
17                traded company;

18                the fleet contract status for the selected publicly traded company;

19                Securities and Exchange Commission filings by the selected publicly  
20                traded company;

21                model earnings for the selected publicly traded company;

22                the rig mobilizations for the selected publicly traded company;

23                the rig downtime and accidents for the selected publicly traded company;

24                the rig survey schedule for the selected publicly traded company;

25                the turnkey completions for the selected publicly traded company;

26 the non-executive personnel changes at the selected publicly traded  
 27 company;  
 28 equipment upgrades for the selected publicly traded company;  
 29 earnings guidance for the selected publicly traded company;  
 30 detailed profit and loss information for the selected publicly traded  
 31 company;  
 32 updates on related businesses for the selected publicly-traded company;  
 33 and  
 34 cold stacking and reactivation information for the selected publicly traded  
 35 company.

1 9. The system of claim 1, wherein the web host permits the users to sign up  
 2 for e-mail alerts that provide information regarding a selected one of the publicly  
 3 traded companies.

1 10. The system of claim 1, wherein the web host permits the users to access  
 2 the website for a selected one of the publicly traded companies.

1 11. The system of claim 1, wherein the web host permits the users to access  
 2 a live webcast of information regarding a selected one of the publicly traded  
 3 company.

1 12. A method of providing information regarding publicly traded companies  
 2 that operate in the offshore drilling industry, comprising:  
 3 providing a third party web site that comprises one or more web pages  
 4 that permit users of the web site to obtain information regarding the  
 5 publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling  
 6 industry;

7            wherein the information is provided in compliance with the Securities and  
8            Exchange Commission Regulation Fair Disclosure.

1        13.    The method of claim 12, further comprising:  
2            the third party web site providing one or more web pages that are devoted  
3            to the offshore drilling industry.

1        14.    The method of claim 12, further comprising:  
2            the third party web site providing one or more web pages that are devoted  
3            to corresponding publicly traded companies that operate in the  
4            offshore drilling industry.

1        15.    The method of claim 12, further comprising:  
2            the third party web site providing one or more web pages that are devoted  
3            to the offshore drilling industry; and  
4            the third party web site providing one or more web pages that are devoted  
5            to corresponding publicly traded companies that operate in the  
6            offshore drilling industry.

1        16.    The method of claim 12, further comprising:  
2            the publicly traded companies periodically providing updated information  
3            to the third-party web site.

1        17.    The method of claim 12, wherein the information is selected from the  
2        group consisting of:  
3            Securities and Exchange Commission rulings related to the publicly  
4            traded companies;  
5            a calendar of upcoming fair disclosure information releases for the  
6            publicly traded companies;

7 recent earnings releases for the publicly traded companies;  
8 transcripts of conference calls with the publicly traded companies;  
9 transcripts of shareholder meetings for the publicly traded companies;  
10 transcripts of press conferences for the publicly traded companies;  
11 historical graphs of the price of oil;  
12 historical graphs of the price of gas;  
13 historical graphs of the OSX;  
14 company news for the publicly traded companies;  
15 the results of a user defined search of all company news contained within  
16 the company news archives of the web host;  
17 industry news for the offshore drilling industry;  
18 the results of a user defined search of all industry news contained within  
19 the industry news archives of the web host;  
20 drilling fleet projections for the publicly traded companies;  
21 commentary on the offshore drilling industry; and  
22 comparative graphical information regarding the publicly traded  
23 companies.

1 18. The method of claim 12, further comprising:  
2 permitting one or more of the users to request information for a selected  
3 one of the publicly traded companies from the third party web site.

1 19. The method of claim 18, wherein the information is selected from the  
2 group consisting of:  
3 Securities and Exchange Commission rulings related to the selected  
4 publicly traded company;  
5 a calendar of upcoming fair disclosure information releases for the  
6 selected publicly traded company;  
7 recent earnings releases for the selected publicly traded company;

8 transcripts of conference calls with the selected publicly traded company;  
9 transcripts of shareholder meetings for the selected publicly traded  
10 company;  
11 transcripts of press conferences for the selected publicly traded company;  
12 a historical graph of the stock price of the selected publicly traded  
13 company;  
14 a display of the selected publicly trade company's stock price;  
15 company news for the selected publicly traded company;  
16 a user defined search of all company news for the selected publicly  
17 traded company;  
18 the fleet contract status for the selected publicly traded company;  
19 Securities and Exchange Commission filings by the selected publicly  
20 traded company;  
21 model earnings for the selected publicly traded company;  
22 the rig mobilizations for the selected publicly traded company;  
23 the rig downtime and accidents for the selected publicly traded company;  
24 the rig survey schedule for the selected publicly traded company;  
25 the turnkey completions for the selected publicly traded company;  
26 the non-executive personnel changes at the selected publicly traded  
27 company;  
28 equipment upgrades for the selected publicly traded company;  
29 earnings guidance for the selected publicly traded company;  
30 detailed profit and loss information for the selected publicly traded  
31 company;  
32 updates on related businesses for the selected publicly traded company;  
33 and  
34 cold stacking and reactivation information for the selected publicly traded  
35 company.

1        20.    The method of claim 12, further comprising:  
 2                permitting one or more of the users to sign up for e-mail alerts on the  
 3                website that provide information regarding a selected one of the  
 4                publicly traded companies.

1        21.    The method of claim 12, further comprising:  
 2                permitting the users to access the company website for a selected one of  
 3                the publicly traded companies using the website.

1        22.    The method of claim 12, further comprising:  
 2                permitting the users to access a live webcast of information regarding a  
 3                selected one of the publicly traded company using the website.

1        23.    A system for providing information regarding publicly traded companies  
 2        that operate in the offshore drilling industry, comprising:  
 3                means for providing one or more web pages that permit users of a third  
 4                party web site to obtain information regarding the publicly traded  
 5                companies that operate in the offshore drilling industry on a third  
 6                party website in compliance with Securities and Exchange  
 7                Commission Regulation Fair Disclosure; and  
 8                means for permitting users to access the third party website.

1        24.    The system of claim 23, further comprising:  
 2                means for providing one or more web pages that are devoted to the  
 3                offshore drilling industry on the third party website.

1        25.    The system of claim 23, further comprising:



2 means for providing one or more web pages that are devoted to  
3 corresponding publicly traded companies that operate in the  
4 offshore drilling industry on the third party website.

1 26. The system of claim 23, further comprising:  
2 means for providing one or more web pages that are devoted to the  
3 offshore drilling industry on the third party website; and  
4 means for providing one or more web pages that are devoted to  
5 corresponding publicly traded companies that operate in the  
6 offshore drilling industry on the third party website.

1 27. The system of claim 23, further comprising:  
2 means for the publicly traded companies periodically providing updated  
3 information to the third-party web host.

1 28. The system of claim 23, wherein the information is selected from the  
2 group consisting of:  
3 Securities and Exchange Commission rulings related to the publicly  
4 traded companies;  
5 a calendar of upcoming fair disclosure information releases for the  
6 publicly traded companies;  
7 recent earnings releases for the publicly traded companies;  
8 transcripts of conference calls with the publicly traded companies;  
9 transcripts of shareholder meetings for the publicly traded companies;  
10 transcripts of press conferences for the publicly traded companies;  
11 historical graphs of the price of oil;  
12 historical graphs of the price of gas;  
13 historical graphs of the OSX;  
14 company news for the publicly traded companies;

15 the results of a user defined search of all company news contained within  
 16 the company news archives of the web host;  
 17 industry news for the offshore drilling industry;  
 18 the results of a user defined search of all industry news contained within  
 19 the industry news archives of the web host;  
 20 drilling fleet projections for the publicly traded companies;  
 21 commentary on the offshore drilling industry; and  
 22 comparative graphical information regarding the publicly traded  
 23 companies.

1 29. The system of claim 23, further comprising:  
 2 means for permitting one or more of the users to request information for a  
 3 selected one of the publicly traded companies from the third party  
 4 web site.

1 30. The system of claim 29, wherein the information is selected from the  
 2 group consisting of:  
 3 Securities and Exchange Commission rulings related to the selected  
 4 publicly traded company;  
 5 a calendar of upcoming fair disclosure information releases for the  
 6 selected publicly traded company;  
 7 recent earnings releases for the selected publicly traded company;  
 8 transcripts of conference calls with the selected publicly traded company;  
 9 transcripts of shareholder meetings for the selected publicly traded  
 10 company;  
 11 transcripts of press conferences for the selected publicly traded company;  
 12 a historical graph of the stock price of the selected publicly traded  
 13 company;  
 14 a display of the selected publicly trade company's stock price;

15 company news for the selected publicly traded company;  
16 a user defined search of all company news for the selected publicly  
17 traded company;  
18 the fleet contract status for the selected publicly traded company;  
19 Securities and Exchange Commission filings by the selected publicly  
20 traded company;  
21 model earnings for the selected publicly traded company;  
22 the rig mobilizations for the selected publicly traded company;  
23 the rig downtime and accidents for the selected publicly traded company;  
24 the rig survey schedule for the selected publicly traded company;  
25 the turnkey completions for the selected publicly traded company;  
26 the non-executive personnel changes at the selected publicly traded  
27 company;  
28 equipment upgrades for the selected publicly traded company;  
29 earnings guidance for the selected publicly traded company;  
30 detailed profit and loss information for the selected publicly traded  
31 company;  
32 updates on related businesses for the selected publicly traded company;  
33 and  
34 cold stacking and reactivation information for the selected publicly traded  
35 company.

1 31. The system of claim 23, further comprising:  
2 means for permitting the users to sign up for e-mail alerts that provide  
3 information regarding a selected one of the publicly traded  
4 companies using the third party web site.

1 32. The method of claim 23, further comprising:

2 means for permitting the users to access the company website for a  
3 selected one of the publicly traded companies using the third party  
4 web site.

1 33. The system of claim 23, further comprising:  
2 means for permitting the users to access a live webcast of information  
3 regarding a selected one of the publicly traded company using the  
4 third party web site.

1 34. A system for providing information regarding publicly traded companies  
2 that operate in the offshore drilling industry, comprising:  
3 one or more users;  
4 one or more publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling  
5 industry; and  
6 a third party web host operably coupled to the users and the publicly  
7 traded companies;  
8 wherein the third party web host provides one or more web pages that  
9 provide information regarding the publicly traded companies that  
10 operate in the offshore drilling industry;  
11 wherein the third party host provides the information regarding the  
12 publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling  
13 industry in compliance with the Securities and Exchange  
14 Commission Regulation Fair Disclosure;  
15 wherein the third party web host provides one or more web pages that are  
16 devoted to the offshore drilling industry;  
17 wherein the third party web host provides one or more web pages that are  
18 devoted to corresponding publicly traded companies that operate  
19 in the offshore drilling industry;

20 wherein the publicly traded companies periodically provide updated  
21 information to the third-party web host;  
22 wherein the web host permits the users to sign up for e-mail alerts that  
23 provide information regarding a selected one of the publicly traded  
24 companies;  
25 wherein the web host permits the users to access the website for a  
26 selected one of the publicly traded companies;  
27 wherein the web host permits the users to access a live webcast of  
28 information regarding a selected one of the publicly traded  
29 company;  
30 wherein the web host permits a user to request information for a selected  
31 one of the publicly traded companies; and  
32 wherein the information is selected from the group consisting of:  
33 Securities and Exchange Commission rulings related to the  
34 publicly traded companies;  
35 a calendar of upcoming fair disclosure information releases for the  
36 publicly traded companies;  
37 recent earnings releases for the publicly traded companies;  
38 transcripts of conference calls with the publicly traded companies;  
39 transcripts of shareholder meetings for the publicly traded  
40 companies;  
41 transcripts of press conferences for the publicly traded companies;  
42 historical graphs of the price of oil;  
43 historical graphs of the price of gas;  
44 historical graphs of the OSX;  
45 company news for the publicly traded companies;  
46 the results of a user defined search of all company news contained  
47 within the company news archives of the web host;  
48 industry news for the offshore drilling industry;

49 the results of a user defined search of all industry news contained  
50 within the industry news archives of the web host;  
51 drilling fleet projections for the publicly traded companies;  
52 commentary on the offshore drilling industry;  
53 comparative graphical information regarding the publicly traded  
54 companies;  
55 Securities and Exchange Commission rulings related to the  
56 selected publicly traded company;  
57 a calendar of upcoming fair disclosure information releases for the  
58 selected publicly traded company;  
59 recent earnings releases for the selected publicly traded company;  
60 transcripts of conference calls with the selected publicly traded  
61 company;  
62 transcripts of shareholder meetings for the selected publicly traded  
63 company;  
64 transcripts of press conferences for the selected publicly traded  
65 company;  
66 a historical graph of the stock price of the selected publicly traded  
67 company;  
68 a display of the selected publicly trade company's stock price;  
69 company news for the selected publicly traded company;  
70 a user defined search of all company news for the selected publicly  
71 traded company;  
72 the fleet contract status for the selected publicly traded company;  
73 Securities and Exchange Commission filings by the selected  
74 publicly traded company;  
75 model earnings for the selected publicly traded company;  
76 the rig mobilizations for the selected publicly traded company;

77 the rig downtime and accidents for the selected publicly traded  
 78 company;  
 79 the rig survey schedule for the selected publicly traded company;  
 80 the turnkey completions for the selected publicly traded company;  
 81 the non-executive personnel changes at the selected publicly  
 82 traded company;  
 83 equipment upgrades for the selected publicly traded company;  
 84 earnings guidance for the selected publicly traded company;  
 85 detailed profit and loss information for the selected publicly traded  
 86 company;  
 87 updates on related businesses for the selected publicly traded  
 88 company; and  
 89 cold stacking and reactivation information for the selected publicly  
 90 traded company.

1 35. A method of providing information regarding publicly traded companies  
 2 that operate in the offshore drilling industry, comprising:  
 3 providing a third party web site that comprises one or more web pages  
 4 that permit users of the web site to obtain information regarding the  
 5 publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling  
 6 industry;  
 7 the third party web site providing one or more web pages that are devoted  
 8 to the offshore drilling industry;  
 9 the third party web site providing one or more web pages that are devoted  
 10 to corresponding publicly traded companies that operate in the  
 11 offshore drilling industry;  
 12 the publicly traded companies periodically providing updated information  
 13 to the third-party web site;

14           permitting one or more of the users to sign up for e-mail alerts on the  
15           website that provide information regarding a selected one of the  
16           publicly traded companies;  
17           permitting the users to access the company website for a selected one of  
18           the publicly traded companies using the website;  
19           permitting the users to access a live webcast of information regarding a  
20           selected one of the publicly traded company using the website; and  
21           permitting one or more of the users to request information for a selected  
22           one of the publicly traded companies from the third party web site;  
23           wherein the information is provided in compliance with the Securities and  
24           Exchange Commission Regulation Fair Disclosure; and  
25           wherein the information is selected from the group consisting of:  
26           Securities and Exchange Commission rulings related to the  
27           publicly traded companies;  
28           a calendar of upcoming fair disclosure information releases for the  
29           publicly traded companies;  
30           recent earnings releases for the publicly traded companies;  
31           transcripts of conference calls with the publicly traded companies;  
32           transcripts of shareholder meetings for the publicly traded  
33           companies;  
34           transcripts of press conferences for the publicly traded companies;  
35           historical graphs of the price of oil;  
36           historical graphs of the price of gas;  
37           historical graphs of the OSX;  
38           company news for the publicly traded companies;  
39           the results of a user defined search of all company news contained  
40           within the company news archives of the web host;  
41           industry news for the offshore drilling industry;



42 the results of a user defined search of all industry news contained  
43 within the industry news archives of the web host;  
44 drilling fleet projections for the publicly traded companies;  
45 commentary on the offshore drilling industry;  
46 comparative graphical information regarding the publicly traded  
47 companies;  
48 Securities and Exchange Commission rulings related to the  
49 selected publicly traded company;  
50 a calendar of upcoming fair disclosure information releases for the  
51 selected publicly traded company;  
52 recent earnings releases for the selected publicly traded company;  
53 transcripts of conference calls with the selected publicly traded  
54 company;  
55 transcripts of shareholder meetings for the selected publicly traded  
56 company;  
57 transcripts of press conferences for the selected publicly traded  
58 company;  
59 a historical graph of the stock price of the selected publicly traded  
60 company;  
61 a display of the selected publicly trade company's stock price;  
62 company news for the selected publicly traded company;  
63 a user defined search of all company news for the selected publicly  
64 traded company;  
65 the fleet contract status for the selected publicly traded company;  
66 Securities and Exchange Commission filings by the selected  
67 publicly traded company;  
68 model earnings for the selected publicly traded company;  
69 the rig mobilizations for the selected publicly traded company;

70 the rig downtime and accidents for the selected publicly traded  
 71 company;  
 72 the rig survey schedule for the selected publicly traded company;  
 73 the turnkey completions for the selected publicly traded company;  
 74 the non-executive personnel changes at the selected publicly  
 75 traded company;  
 76 equipment upgrades for the selected publicly traded company;  
 77 earnings guidance for the selected publicly traded company;  
 78 detailed profit and loss information for the selected publicly traded  
 79 company;  
 80 updates on related businesses for the selected publicly traded  
 81 company; and  
 82 cold stacking and reactivation information for the selected publicly  
 83 traded company.

1 36. A system for providing information regarding publicly traded companies  
 2 that operate in the offshore drilling industry, comprising:  
 3 means for providing one or more web pages that permit users of a third  
 4 party web site to obtain information regarding the publicly traded  
 5 companies that operate in the offshore drilling industry on a third  
 6 party website;  
 7 means for permitting users to access the third party website;  
 8 means for updating the information provided on the third party website;  
 9 means for providing one or more web pages that are devoted to the  
 10 offshore drilling industry on the third party website;  
 11 means for providing one or more web pages that are devoted to  
 12 corresponding publicly traded companies that operate in the  
 13 offshore drilling industry on the third party website;

14 means for the publicly traded companies periodically providing updated  
15 information to the third-party web host;  
16 means for permitting the users to sign up for e-mail alerts that provide  
17 information regarding a selected one of the publicly traded  
18 companies using the third party web site;  
19 means for permitting the users to access the company website for a  
20 selected one of the publicly traded companies using the third party  
21 web site;  
22 means for permitting the users to access a live webcast of information  
23 regarding a selected one of the publicly traded company using the  
24 third party web site; and  
25 means for permitting one or more of the users to request information for a  
26 selected one of the publicly traded companies from the third party  
27 web site;  
28 wherein the information is selected from the group consisting of:  
29 Securities and Exchange Commission rulings related to the  
30 publicly traded companies;  
31 a calendar of upcoming fair disclosure information releases for the  
32 publicly traded companies;  
33 recent earnings releases for the publicly traded companies;  
34 transcripts of conference calls with the publicly traded companies;  
35 transcripts of shareholder meetings for the publicly traded  
36 companies;  
37 transcripts of press conferences for the publicly traded companies;  
38 historical graphs of the price of oil;  
39 historical graphs of the price of gas;  
40 historical graphs of the OSX;  
41 company news for the publicly traded companies;

42 the results of a user defined search of all company news contained  
43 within the company news archives of the web host;  
44 industry news for the offshore drilling industry;  
45 the results of a user defined search of all industry news contained  
46 within the industry news archives of the web host;  
47 drilling fleet projections for the publicly traded companies;  
48 commentary on the offshore drilling industry;  
49 comparative graphical information regarding the publicly traded  
50 companies;  
51 Securities and Exchange Commission rulings related to the  
52 selected publicly traded company;  
53 a calendar of upcoming fair disclosure information releases for the  
54 selected publicly traded company;  
55 recent earnings releases for the selected publicly traded company;  
56 transcripts of conference calls with the selected publicly traded  
57 company;  
58 transcripts of shareholder meetings for the selected publicly traded  
59 company;  
60 transcripts of press conferences for the selected publicly traded  
61 company;  
62 a historical graph of the stock price of the selected publicly traded  
63 company;  
64 a display of the selected publicly trade company's stock price;  
65 company news for the selected publicly traded company;  
66 a user defined search of all company news for the selected publicly  
67 traded company;  
68 the fleet contract status for the selected publicly traded company;  
69 Securities and Exchange Commission filings by the selected  
70 publicly traded company;

71 model earnings for the selected publicly traded company;  
72 the rig mobilizations for the selected publicly traded company;  
73 the rig downtime and accidents for the selected publicly traded  
74 company;  
75 the rig survey schedule for the selected publicly traded company;  
76 the turnkey completions for the selected publicly traded company;  
77 the non-executive personnel changes at the selected publicly  
78 traded company;  
79 equipment upgrades for the selected publicly traded company;  
80 earnings guidance for the selected publicly traded company;  
81 detailed profit and loss information for the selected publicly traded  
82 company;  
83 updates on related businesses for the selected publicly traded  
84 company; and  
85 cold stacking and reactivation information for the selected publicly  
86 traded company.